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Corn is the lowest priced grain fed, according to nutritive contents, of anything on the market. Pigs kept warm and dry will gain rapidly fed on skim milk and corn even in cold weather.

The only regret on the part of the Farmer at this time is that its columns are not long enough to take in all the valuable things being said, and that some of the addresses at our dairy conference must be condensed.

Mr. Ellis strikes hard blows against a bad practice, one which touches the pocket book of the Maine butter maker. He never misses the mark. He does well to call attention to the market situation, and the place Maine butter occupies.

Every man interested in stock will want to read carefully the admirable address of Hon. Valancey Fuller. It is full of ripe suggestions for future work, and the same must be said of Mr. Van Dresher's. These two will repay the cost for the entire conference.

The new Turner creamery sets a pace in the cost of making butter for other creameries to reach after. One and eight-tenths cents a pound means something. It should be remembered that the difference between low cost of make and high all comes out of the farmer's pocket.

The sales of wool in Boston and other great markets have recently been on a wobbly scale, and all the while with a rising market. The stock now left on hand in wool houses is short, while demand still continues, and mills are running over. There is room for still further rise. Truly sheep owners are hit.

Dr. Robinson of Foxcroft, at the fruit meeting at Newport, recommended a mixture of linseed oil, kerosene oil and spirits of turpentine, with a small piece of resin melted in the linseed, for black knot, applied in the fall. He said that it would prevent the ripening of the spores, large knots disappearing and leaving only a scar.

Now it is Virginia that is coming on as a fruit producing state. And why not? On the elevated slopes of the mountain ranges in that state must be lands specially adapted to the production of apples. The Commissioner of Agriculture of that state claims that in ten years Virginia will be one of the greatest apple producing states in the Union.

It pays to have an expert herdman in charge of the stock in the winter season. There is nowhere that a superior man tells to so good an advantage as on the feeding floor. One man will feed more than two-thirds the fodder that another feeds, yet his stock will do better, and the cows give more milk, than those in charge of the layish feeder. He simply knows how, and attends to his business.

The unusually warm weather which prevailed the latter part of autumn and the first of December has had a bad effect on the keeping of apples. Those who have been putting up apples for the market find their long keeping winter stock as far advanced in ripening as is usually their condition in the month of March. As a result of this growers have been hurrying their fruit into market and crowding the price to low figures. Some of the shippers have lost money. It is probable that after Christmas good hard frost will find a quick market at better prices.

Scientific authorities are agreed that fat cannot be increased in a cow's milk. Did any of them ever try the experiment the other end foremost; that is, to learn whether the per cent. of butter fat can be reduced by withholding feed? The Experiment Station Record, published at the office of experiment stations at Washington, quotes a Swedish chemist as having analyzed two thousand samples of milk to test this point. He found that the fat contents of milk may be reduced one to two per cent. by scant feed. Now, then, of course such a cow could be brought up again to her normal standard by judicious feeding.

It looks a little as though the Ayshire breeders were tending towards an unbecomingly and unsatisfactory wrangle over points of difference regarding the quality of this great breed. Buyers large and small and the evidence of a large record, and the inherent power to reproduce the same will count for more than the amount of red or white or length of the horns. Focus on the milk prompt. Vantage over the size or length of the horns and other breeds will be a popular war.

ANNUAL DAIRYMEN'S CONVENTION.

Joint Meeting of State Board of Agriculture and State Dairy-men's Association.

GREATEST MEETING FOR THE YEAR. We give our pages this week largely to the dairymen. The annual convention and exhibition under the auspices of the State Board of Agriculture and the State Dairy-men's Association was held at Lewiston City Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. The closing hours of the exercises continuing after our forms are made up, a report of the same necessarily goes over to next week.

The convention met a cordial reception at the hands of the city authorities. Every privilege needed was freely granted, every attention called for was cheerfully rendered. The exhibition of products of the dairy was full in every department and of a quality giving proof of the creditable advancement being made in this important industry in our state. Our enterprising dealers in dairy machinery and appliances for dairy work were on hand with a full line of their wares and made up a most useful and instructive exhibition. There can be no question of the importance to visitors present of these collections of the latest and best appliances necessary to the highest success in modern dairy work.

The attendance was good throughout the convention and the interest all that could be desired. Men and women came there to learn of their business. Strong men were on the programme and the lectures were able and instructive. The lectures were all of a high order, while those of Mr. Van Dresher and Mr. Fuller discussed the very foundation of a profitable dairy business, as our very full abstracts show.

The butter exhibition was in every way creditable to our butter makers and the state, and plainly showed that they are making progress in their chosen art. It is impossible to give in full all the addresses or all the good things brought out in the discussions. The more important papers are here presented and Mr. Van Dresher's and others will be given in our next issue.

Fully one half of City Hall was taken by the display made by the business firms of the state and the manufacturers of dairy machinery outside, the separate dairy being very much in evidence.

Mosely and Stoddard occupied one corner with their popular DeLaval separators in connection with Kendall & Whitney, Portland, state agents, who made a very large and full exhibit of all forms of dairy exhibits, churns and appliances, covering all grades and classes of dairy work and the best and most approved forms of machinery.

Whitman Agricultural Works, Auburn, showed powers and engines for creamery work and cutters for feeders of stock, and with these the Sharples separator which is being used by many of our dairymen and giving good satisfaction. Worcester salt manufacturers made a large and attractive display, while the United States Butter Extractor Co. made a showing of a number of their machines, new to the great majority but used by some of our most successful dairymen and pronounced entirely satisfactory. They surely attracted much attention.

Cyphers Incubator Co., Albany, N. Y., showed three good working machines which were carefully studied by the lovers of the hen.

A. L. and E. F. Goss, Lewiston, made a very large and full exhibit of dairy as well as large and crockery goods, in connection with a number United States Separators, one of the popular machines with the cream makers of Maine. An attractive booth filled with crockery and glassware claimed the attention of the ladies. In these exhibits was everything which a dairyman could ask for in the way of improved implements and machinery and the exhibit proved a most attractive feature of the sessions. The interest being taken in separators was clearly manifest, for a crowd of questioners were about the machines investigating the different makes.

The poultry and exhibit were far in advance of last year though not calling out so many exhibitors. The veteran, I. V. McKenney, showed a grand lot of Barred and Buff Plymouth Rocks in splendid condition, one pair weighing 10½ lbs. dressed. Some magnificent specimens of turkeys were also shown and eggs, brown and white in quantity. The poultry exhibit reflected credit on the state. Coming to the butter exhibit, this too was great in quantity and fine in quality but lacked in the fancy display like that made by Mr. Dyer of Cumberland last year. The work of the expert will not be completed in season for this issue of the Farmer but we predict that it will tell of high grade and uniform quality throughout. The increase in number of tubs was a very pleasant fact to note indicating the purpose of the butter makers to get together and com-

pare notes and products. The scoring of the butter by an expert from New York, from a New York commercial standpoint, while none of our product goes on that market, may and may not provoke criticism, it surely created considerable curiosity.

The attendance at the opening session and throughout was larger than on any previous year and a lively interest was manifested in all the exercises. The Farmer congratulates the Board and Dairymen's Association on the success of this conference. In our next issue we shall give addresses and discussions crowded out this week.

The Grading Tip of a Butter Making Herd.

By Valancey Fuller. The Hon. T. Currie says: "There is nothing said from the milk of human kindness so necessary to the comfort of any family as the milk of a good cow. It is like oil poured upon the waters of life; it is a perfect food for the baby; it is an excellent beverage for the children; it furnishes cream for the coffee; butter for the bread and cheese for the lunch. It shortens the picnic and raises the joyousness; even the cat and the doggy for it. With the farmer it goes still further. It raises the calf; it feeds the pig; it pleases the colt and it delights the chickens. Yes, and if he will only give his cows the best care, he will find that the children, buy comforts for the wife, pay the taxes and help lift the mortgage."

In this country, there are at least 15,000,000 cows used for the production of milk, cream, butter or cheese. How many of them are paying a profit to their owners? Not one-half, and the remaining half are maintained at a loss.

Dairy cows are divided into two classes: profitable and unprofitable. The profitable cow is one that produces a large quantity of milk, and is healthy, and is a good mother. The unprofitable cow is one that produces a small quantity of milk, and is unhealthy, and is a poor mother. The profitable cow is one that produces a large quantity of milk, and is healthy, and is a good mother. The unprofitable cow is one that produces a small quantity of milk, and is unhealthy, and is a poor mother.

When every dairy man in this fair land realizes that his calling is a business, and that exacting a high standard of attention and study must be applied to it, to make it a success, then will the returns from the dairy cow be increased by millions of dollars, and contentment rather than discontent will be the rule. Of course I must not be understood to indicate that a large flow and continuity of milk do not go together. They often do; and happy is the man who can make a cow produce a large quantity of milk, and is healthy, and is a good mother. The profitable cow is one that produces a large quantity of milk, and is healthy, and is a good mother. The unprofitable cow is one that produces a small quantity of milk, and is unhealthy, and is a poor mother.

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Never use a grade bull. The object sought in using the bull is to improve your herd with the qualities his breed and his ancestors are noted for, and to make a cow that will produce a large quantity of milk, and is healthy, and is a good mother. The profitable cow is one that produces a large quantity of milk, and is healthy, and is a good mother. The unprofitable cow is one that produces a small quantity of milk, and is unhealthy, and is a poor mother.

But this must not be done by any guess work, nor must favoritism show in making the selection. A record of the milk of each cow should be kept for a year, and by taking Babcock tests of the butter-fat ascertain how much butter each cow will make. I am aware that weighing the milk and taking a Babcock test but once a week is not absolutely accurate; but it is sufficiently so for all practical purposes. You will be surprised to find in a year, how little time it takes each day, and the results will pay you well. Many a surprise will be in store for you, as to the paying qualities of the respective cows.

Have no hesitation in discarding those that are not paying you well. They have mistaken their mission in life. Let the butcher have them. They may be good for him, they certainly are not good for you. Retain only the good ones as the foundation of a herd.

While I know that the only infallible rule by which to judge the merits of a dairy cow, is the scale and the Babcock test, or the churn, there are some rules

in judging a dairy cow, which if adhered to, may assist in the selection of the better ones. One of the most important elements in selecting a cow is the quality of the milk. The milk should be of a good quality, and should be of a good quantity. The milk should be of a good quality, and should be of a good quantity. The milk should be of a good quality, and should be of a good quantity.

In judging dairy cows, I have more often been deceived as to the quantity of milk a cow will give, than I have been in judging of her "tenacity" in milking. In fact, I have rarely failed as to the latter. How to Measure the Dairy Cow.—See the preceding page for a full description of the cow that is a good mother, and is a good mother. The profitable cow is one that produces a large quantity of milk, and is healthy, and is a good mother. The unprofitable cow is one that produces a small quantity of milk, and is unhealthy, and is a poor mother.

Feeding for Profit.—In my judgment, there is no part of dairy farming which calls for so much attention, good judgment and management as feeding the dairy herd. No rule can be laid down for feeding a herd that will prove infallible in all cases. The feeding of a herd should be based on the quality of the milk, and the quantity of the milk. The profitable cow is one that produces a large quantity of milk, and is healthy, and is a good mother. The unprofitable cow is one that produces a small quantity of milk, and is unhealthy, and is a poor mother.

Consumption of feed, and making returns therefrom, are a matter of education. Any breed of dairy cows that has been bred for generations been fed to the limit of its profitable production, has had fixed in it (so that it is hereditary) the power to assimilate and make returns for the feed consumed. A profitable dairy cow consumes food in proportion to her producing power at the pail and churn.

In my experience, the most profitable dairy cow is the one which will perfectly assimilate the greatest quantity of feed, and make an increased return for it; feed consumed, and the benefits to be derived from it, in the economy of the feed, and in the increased production, far more than offset any disadvantages.

Study your cows closely. Watch their feed to see that they are getting it thoroughly, and are keen at the next feeding. Watch their droppings to see that no food passes through them undigested. Watch results closely, in connection with any new feeding, you may try. Never make too radical changes in the character of feed. Treat your cows kindly; feed them regularly; milk them at a fixed time each day, and if possible, always have the same person feed the cows, and that is, if the best production of a cow is capable of accomplishing it, to be obtained, you must from the first to the last, after calving, procure the best feed possible, with the best care and experience has taught me this, and the result of handling the herd of Jerseys in the Wisconsin Fair District, where each cow and its cause and effects were marked with the most careful attention, further emphasizes this fact. Whether the cow be kept for the production of milk, or for the making of butter, or for the making of cheese, the same principles apply. We get the highest production of milk in the first 30 to 45 days after calving, regardless of quantity of butter-fat contained in the milk. If you are keeping your cow for butter making, and if she is a cow of a breed whose habit it is to produce butter-fat, when she begins to shrink in her flow, her milk will be enriched proportionately. Unless you bring the cow to her highest production within that time, her total production until next calving will be materially decreased.

With the object in view I am advocating, it is very desirable to stimulate the cow to a large flow of milk by feed such as will tend to that end. Do not give her what is commonly called "rich feed." Make her eat a good deal of hay, in the earlier period of lactation, and make every effort to increase her flow. Every check or "set-back" at this time, has a lasting effect.

I dislike to see a cow come too rapidly to her peak of production. I prefer to see her gain gradually, in proportion to the increase of feed. My practice has been to give the freshly calved cow about two pounds of hay, two pounds of ground oats, and a half pound of linseed oil meal (old process) for the first six to eight days, as a mash, using hot water, dividing it into three feedings; to give her all the warm water she will drink; if she will not drink the warm water, add part of the mash to it. For the first six to eight days, treat her as a sick cow, and nurse her.

If at the end of that time, she is doing

well, increase her bran and ground oats by one-half pound per day, until she has three and one-half pounds of bran, three and one-half pounds of ground oats, and one pound of linseed oil meal, which she ought to take about the 15th day after calving. Feed this quantity from when the 15th to 20th day after calving. When she is taking care of this give her plenty of bulky food; cut clover, cornstalks, green feed or ensilage. At the end of the 25th day after calving, increase the bran and oats, and from the 30th day after calving add corn meal, if she is as to it, and it produces good results.

The main feature to be observed is never increase your feed by more than one-half pound per day. Increase at that rate for three to four days, then rest the cow for a like period, in order that her digestive organs may become used to taking care of this. Then you can go on safely and increase her feed, but never more than one-half pound per day. If you find, at any time, under this treatment your cow decreases her flow, rather than increases, you may, pretty well assured you, are overfeeding her; therefore, stop your feed, until she again responds to it. When she has been in milk 30 to 45 days, according to the individuality of the cow, add a little more corn meal and cottonseed meal, and gradually increase it, if you are seeking butter, until you have brought your cow to her best production in butter. Experience of the dairyman who has been successful in this way, shows that you can increase her feed, and the composition thereof.

Food For Dairy Cows.—Corn.—Indian corn, when ground, is a most valuable feed for the dairy cow; but it is the cheapest that can be used by the dairyman in the Indian corn belt. It gives a good grain to the butter, and a good color to the milk. It is a very profitable feed, and should be fed in such quantities as to produce a good cow on it for an extended time, with out it is balanced as before mentioned, tends to put fat on the carcass. It is the exact opposite of the butter maker's feed. While it is true as a rule, that the exact opposite of the butter maker's feed is the exact opposite of the butter maker's feed. While it is true as a rule, that the exact opposite of the butter maker's feed is the exact opposite of the butter maker's feed.

We all know that our cows require succulent foods. Good pasture is the best feed for the dairy cow; but it is the cheapest of the country it is not available for more than a few months. Roots are not grown in the United States; at least not to the extent to which they are in the dairy country. We have a food that will supply the necessary "green feed" for months. It stimulates the cow's digestion, and is not only good in itself, but aids in assimilation of the feed. The grain should be fed in such quantities as to produce a good cow on it for an extended time, with out it is balanced as before mentioned, tends to put fat on the carcass. It is the exact opposite of the butter maker's feed. While it is true as a rule, that the exact opposite of the butter maker's feed is the exact opposite of the butter maker's feed.

Roots—If we have had a great deal of experience in feeding cows, we should know that they entail a great deal of labor in the raising of them, such labor is beneficial to the land. Yet much as I was pleased with the result of feeding them, I have no faith in the claim made that ensilage gives an undesirable flavor to the milk, cream or butter; certainly not to the milk, cream or butter. However, from my practical experience, I have a tendency to "go sour" quicker than when ensilage is fed. But even if that be the case, the benefits to be derived from it, in the economy of the feed, and in the increased production, far more than offset any disadvantages.

Oats.—In my experience, there is no food that can be fed to dairy cows so continuously, with beneficial results, as oats. They have a tendency to "put on fat." The cow rarely tires of them. They give a delicious flavor to the milk, and are a most valuable feed. They are a most valuable feed, and should be fed in such quantities as to produce a good cow on it for an extended time, with out it is balanced as before mentioned, tends to put fat on the carcass. It is the exact opposite of the butter maker's feed. While it is true as a rule, that the exact opposite of the butter maker's feed is the exact opposite of the butter maker's feed.

Linseed Meal.—Use the "old process" linseed meal, in preference to the "new process," as the former contains more oil than the latter. If fed in reason, is a rich and heating food, and is not so heating as cottonseed meal. If too much is fed, it softens the butter, and causes the cow to scour. Two to three pounds a day is enough to feed to a cow in full flow of milk.

Gluten Meal. My experience with this feed is limited, and not altogether satisfactory; but I know that in the New England States large quantities of it are fed, and I am told, with good results. I believe, however, that while it may be an economical standpoint, be desirable to feed it, it should be done carefully.

Under the changes that have taken place in milking, the shorts or middlings are a little better than bran, if bought from the old "stone mills," they are richer in starch than any other feed that can be fed in such large quantities, as they tend to "impaction."

Peas are a very "rich" feed, and should be fed in limited quantities. So fed, they form an excellent food. I have heard of a man who used to feed a large quantity of peas to his cows, and he has a very good record. I have heard of a man who used to feed a large quantity of peas to his cows, and he has a very good record.

Good pasture is nature's own food for cows, as we all know. Many farmers rely upon it entirely, in the summer, and do not feed any grain while the pasture is good. This is a mistake. A comparatively short time in which to rely on the pasture. It is desirable that the milk flow be kept up throughout the summer, and as an aid to that end, we ought to have a good pasture, such as clover, corn and sorghum. Oats and peas combined are very digestible, greedily eaten by the cattle, and assist in keeping up the flow of milk. They should be cut when the oats are headed out, and not let go too old. To ensure a succession of this crop, we must sow at intervals of from 10 to 14 days.

It is generally known to those familiar with my writings "talks," that I am an advocate of liberal feeding, and have great faith in the benefits accruing therefrom. I know there are a great many who believe that to feed a cow any grain that she is on good pasture, is a great mistake. Unless bran and cornmeal be very high, it will be found profitable to feed a mixture of these, but for that matter, it is preferable to feed "green fodder" in summer, and the pasture supplemented by "green fodder," or, failing that, by ensilage. Cattle, however, like variety; and for that reason, it is preferable to feed "green fodder" in summer, and the pasture supplemented by "green fodder," or, failing that, by ensilage. Cattle, however, like variety; and for that reason, it is preferable to feed "green fodder" in summer, and the pasture supplemented by "green fodder," or, failing that, by ensilage.

Proportion of grain to coarse fodder. As I have before stated, no rule for feeding can be laid down, that will apply to all cases alike; and, in fact, the best depends on procuring the best production, at the least cost, from each cow. I have also urged that cows be fed to their full capacity, and that the most profitable results; but there is just as great a necessity not to overfeed, as there is not to underfeed our cows. Care must be exercised that we do not feed so much grain that the cow is unable to room left for coarse fodder. The latter is absolutely necessary, to maintain the cow in health, and not tend toward fat. It is a pretty safe rule to follow that a cow should always be fed twice as much coarse fodder as grain. If a cow will eat, say 8 pounds of grain and 16 pounds of coarse fodder, or 12 pounds of grain and 24 pounds of coarse fodder, there is little fear of "stalling" her. We cannot, however, estimate ensilage by weight, making this calculation, as it is generally conceded that 3 pounds of ensilage should be counted only as one pound.

The season to calve dairy cows must be regulated largely by the business the dairyman is engaged in. If it is the making of butter, the prices are, as a rule, higher in winter than in summer. If supplying milk, while the weather is always necessary, less is consumed in the large cities, and more at the watering places, in summer. So far as the year's production is concerned, the winter will give the best results, and being fed ensilage with grain feed to keep her flow of milk through the winter, we would naturally look for a diminution of milk in the spring, but turning her out to flush grass at this time, her flow is given a fresh impetus. You can then have her dry in the dog days. If, on the contrary, the cow calves in the spring, about the time her flow begins to diminish, she has scanty pasture; or you bring her into her winter quarters, so shrink in her milk, that it will be expensive to make, and induce as large a production as is desirable. A cow in milk in winter is richer in butter fat than that produced in summer; and it is the solids the milk contains, not alone its quantity, that makes it a good supply of butter, cheese or human consumption.

Good water and plenty of it, untainted by any manure heap, barn yard or any other source, must be given to the cows. They must have access to it, so that they can drink their fill, whether it be in the manger, in the stable, or in a trough, or by any other means. I have never known a case, where a cow, having the water carried to it, by a bucket, scooped than the carrier becomes tired, sootier than the cow, every time. Cows in milk consume about 50 per cent. more than dry cows.

Cows must have plenty of salt, to keep them in good health. Barrel salt is preferred to rock salt.

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for the farmer when beef touches \$7.35
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30 years.

The farmers of Knox county have per-
fected their organization for reform and
elected Mr. E. S. Stearns, Camden, pres-
ident, and made an active campaign for
economy and retrenchment.

Roberts of Utah is making a great
fight, but it will be a losing one. The
course which the case has taken prom-
ises to make it a long-drawn-out affair,
but there can be no possible doubt of
the outcome. Congress cannot afford to
disregard the voice of the people.

When a journal like the Country Gen-
tleman makes a personal attack upon a
man like Ex-Gov. Hoard, it injures the
attacking party more than the one
attacked. Gov. Hoard has proven him-
self too powerful an ally in all dairy
work, and aroused an interest in the
study of dairy form and temperment
too deep to be disturbed by such a petty
spit.

One of the signs of prosperity may be
seen in the prompt sales of the sweet
corn pack of the present year by nearly
all the factories and that they are book-
ing orders freely for 1900, with a lively
demand. More corn will be packed next
year, and with the promise of a better
price, it is a good time to consider the
rights of the growers and give them the
benefit of the tide of prosperity. Sweet
corn is a catchy crop, and the man who
grows it takes chances not met with in
yellow corn.

Augusta has a royal welcome awaiting
the coming of the members of the state
grange, Monday. For two years the
sessions were held in this city and every
one went home with a strong desire to
return. The order is making rapid
 strides along high lines of service for the
homes and farms of Maine, and well de-
serves full recognition at the hands of
the business men of any town or city.
It is to-day one of the strongest forces in
Maine, making for the advance of those
reforms which will be of greatest benefit
to the state. Success to the order of
Patrons of Husbandry.

A GOOD TIME COMING.

So many months passed after the West
felt the depression of the hard times that
it was a common remark in Maine that
"it doesn't amount to much," but if
Maine was the last to suffer, the time
came, as it always does, and shops and
mills, as well as farms, have fought a
hard fight against adversity.

So, too, with the wave of prosperity.
It was first felt in the far West, and has
swept East, until all over Maine to-day
the unmistakable evidence of better days
is all about us. The announcement of
increased wages at the great cotton mills,
affecting thousands upon thousands of
operatives, is followed by the woolen
mills, and other manufacturing, until all
over Maine bright faces tell of better
days at hand. What is true in the mills
is coming out on the farms in every di-
rection. Better prices, better demand,
better conditions for every man who
seizes the opportunity before him. Not
for years has there been so sharp a call
for farm products as to-day, and the
business men scattered all over the farms

ANNUAL DAIRYMEN'S CONVENTION.

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most desirable one; and second, that we
grow our heifers with the one desire of
fulfilling the same functions as the dam,
though in a greater degree, viz., the pro-
duction of the greatest net profit at the
least cost.

It was, I hope, proved that the feed-
ing of the dairy cow differs radically
from the beef cow. I have claimed the
more the cow can profitably consume
and make return for, the more valuable
she is—and the ability to profitably take
care of a great quantity of food is largely
a matter of training.

The same rules that apply to the feed-
ing of the cow, should be borne in mind
in raising calves and heifers so far as
the feeding of foods containing protein,
rather than the fat producing ones. The
calf or heifer should never form the
habit of taking on fat, but all our efforts
should be to have them make steady
growth, to give them plenty of bone and
muscle, and a great, big paunch—the
bigger the better.

The dairyman and breeder
knows that if he feeds his heifer heavily
with grain, especially the best feed, and
he begins to "gain her," as he ought,
in place of responding to his feeding, he
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As soon as the calf is dropped, allow
the mother to lick it. If she does not do
so of her own accord, that end is often
obtained by sprinkling salt on its back.
Some breeders leave the calf with the
cow for one to three days; others like
the calf away, but let it suck the way
for about three days. I believe it is de-
sirable to leave the calf with the cow, at
least three days, as she will fret less than
if the calf is taken away from her. At
the end of three days, as a rule, all danger of milk fever is past.
Again, inflammation is often drawn out
of the udder by the calf sucking. Which-
ever course is adopted, it is important to
watch that the calf does not drink too
much milk, as it will cause "scouring"
in the calf.

As you cannot, of course, measure or
weigh the milk the calf takes from the
udder, it is safe plan to stop the calf
from sucking as soon as the belly is dis-
tended. Then the cow must be stripped.
The calf has its mother's milk for the
first eight or ten days, after which it is
a Jersey or a Guernsey, the whole milk
often proves too rich for the calf; and it
is a safe plan to add about one-sixth hot
water of 90° Fahrenheit with a little
sliced lemon juice, or you may use a lit-
tle marble added to it. Care must be ex-
ercised to see that the milk, when fed,
and the water, when added, is of a uniform
warmth of from 90° to 95° F.

When the calf is from 15 to 20 days
old, it will often nibble a little clover
hay, which should be tied in the calf's
pen, with the heads down, or placed in a
small manger or crib, where the calf will
eat it at will. If the calf is slightly sick,
besides the clover hay, it may be fed a
little whole oats or a little bran. The
former is far preferable. Feed this to the
calf until it is four months old, in-
cluding the winter time, and do not give
it all it wants of whole oats or bran.
Salt should be sprinkled on the grain
feed, and the calf should have access to
clean, pure water. After the calf is
from 20 to 30 days old, it will begin to
eat grass, or feed it ensilage in limited
quantities; keeping it still to the oats,
bran and milk feed until it is eight
months old. Never feed it cornmeal or
timothy as a milk feed.

I need hardly say that the calf stable,
all utensils, pails, etc., must be kept
scrupulously clean, and there must be
regularity in feeding.

Be careful never to overfeed the calf.
There are more calves killed by over-
feeding than by underfeeding. See that
your calf stable has plenty of ventilation
and light; that your calves are well
cared for, and that they are growing and
thriving. As they begin to eat the coarse
foods, corn fodder shredded is a very
good food.

In feeding skim milk it must always
be fed at a uniform temperature of from
90° to 95° degrees. A dairy thermometer
should always be used. Never allow the
calf to run wildly about after feeding,
as it is liable to get sick. It is best to
scouring. When the calf is eight months
old it can be weaned from skim milk and
put to pasture, or fed on clover, roots,
ensilage, ground oats or bran. The ob-
ject in weaning is to get the calf to ob-
tain growth of muscle and sinew, but
never fat.

The heifer should be bred to have her
first calf at about 24 months old; but
as they often do not hold to the first
service it is a good practice to breed
them at about 18 months old, regulating
the "service" somewhat by the growth
and size of the heifer.

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**"It is an Ill Wind
That Blows Nobody Good."**

That small ache or pain or
weakness is the "ill wind"
that directs your attention to
the necessity of purifying
your blood by taking Hood's
Sarsaparilla. Then your
whole body receives good,
for the purified blood goes
tingling to every organ. It
is the great remedy for all
ages and both sexes.

Dyspepsia — "Complicated with
liver and kidney trouble, I suffered for
years from dyspepsia, with severe pains.
Hood's Sarsaparilla made me strong and
healthy." J. B. Emerson, Auburn, Me.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Never Disappoints

Hood's Pills cure liver, bile, the non-irritating
and cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

DON'T FORGET

TO CALL AT

Coughlin's Drug Store

For a FREE SAMPLE of
our Bronchial Tablets.

Will give speedy relief in all
ordinary bronchial and throat
difficulties.

We Sell a Box Containing
36 Tablets for 10 Cents.

JOHN COUGHLIN,
PHARMACIST.

West End Kennel
Bridge, AUGUSTA, ME.

ANNUAL DAIRYMEN'S CONVENTION.
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A BRAND FROM THE BURNING

is an expression often heard.

It is an excellent figure of speech.

It forcibly conveys the idea of
something saved from certain destruction.

Such figures are valuable to
orators and are freely used by them.

There is a brand called the Seal
Brand of coffee, that will never need
to be plucked from the burning.

Chase & Sanborn don't burn this,
their most famous brand: they roast
it to perfection.

Most any one knows that unskilled
roasting would seriously injure any
coffee. This is one reason that Chase & Sanborn's Coffee, not alone
their Seal Brand, but all their high grade coffees, packed in richly colored
parchment-lined imported bags, have become the most famous of all
coffees in our country.

Experts handle it and prepare it, but first of all it is raised on
plantations famous for their crops.

What is more experts select every bean and the same care and diligence
is exercised until this famous coffee reaches the consumer's hand.

CHASE & SANBORN'S COFFEES.

State News.

An English steamer took a cargo of
700 cattle and 1250 sheep from Portland
one day last week.

Houlton has received a bequest of \$12,-
000 from the will of Dr. Geo. Cary, for
its free public library.

EAST MADISON. The poles have been
set and wired to this village for a tele-
phone line which is extended to the
lower village and will be in working or-
der in a few days.

A boiler in the yard of Charles Ward,
Kennebunkport, exploded at 6:30 o'clock
Saturday morning, with terrific force.
Alden Wildes, the engineer, was blown
to pieces and general havoc was created
in the yard.

Richmond is interested in the report
that the Lawrence of St. Gardiner are
talking of putting up a pulp mill in Ice-
boro, on the site of the old Knicker-
bocker ice mill. The Lawrence of St. Gardiner
are interested in the report that the Brad-
street of Gardiner think of building a
sawmill near the ferry.

Warren L. Parks, one of the most re-
spected citizens and business men of
Pittsfield, died at his home on Main
street at 9:30 Saturday forenoon, after an
illness of several months. He had al-
ways been prominent in business affairs
of the town, and was considered by all
who knew him to be an upright, thor-
ough business man.

John L. Best, one of the best known
beef men in Portland, died Friday night
at his home at the age of 59 years. Mr.
Best was engaged in the business of
slaughtering and was the first to bring a
car of refrigerated beef to
Portland. He was well known as a
sausage making plant and at one time
had nearly 2,000 pigs at his Scarborough
farm.

Wiscasset. Will Stinson, a highly
respected citizen of Wiscasset, was re-
cently taken violently ill and after
attempting suicide was carried Nov. 27,
to the asylum at Augusta, where on
Thanksgiving night he died from a rup-
tured blood vessel in the brain. The
remains were brought home and the
funeral was held Sunday. Mr. Stinson
left a wife and family of five children,
and a large circle of sorrowing friends.

During the past few months, J. H.
Greenleaf has shipped upwards of 500
tons of hay. The long standing engine
of the defunct Budd mill has recently
been removed. The engine of the Smith
grist mill has been repaired and the
mill is again in operation. Cashier
Fred Sewall has returned from Minne-
apolis and resumed duty at the First
National Bank. The few apples raised
hereabouts seem to be rapidly decaying.

Wiscasset schools began Monday,
Dec. 4.

DAIRY GOODS

CREAMERY SUPPLIES.

During the last ten years there has no business in the State advanced so rap-
idly and satisfactorily as the Dairy and Creamery business, and it must be
admitted that a vast measure of this success is due to the ingenious machinery and
appliances which have of late years been perfected. We have taken a great inter-
est in this branch of our trade, and have spared no pains to keep a stock of sup-
plies second to none, and we offer you nothing but what we consider the
best in its line.

AGENTS FOR THE

De Laval Separators.

No farmer can afford to be without a separator, as it will save him time,
labor and money, and will increase the amount of cream to be obtained, over
any other process. Don't purchase until you have seen the "De Laval," ac-
knowledge by all who have tried them, to be the most satisfactory separa-
tors ever offered. Send for special catalogue!

Non-Returnable Butter Carriers

fitted complete with trays, which, combined with the Paraffine Paper Box,
made the most modern and inexpensive method of shipping fancy print butter.
Made in 12, 24, 30, 40, 48 and 60 pound sizes.

Non-Returnable Butter Boxes

(in shooks), holding 10, 20, 32, 48 and 60 pounds each.

SPECIAL SIZES MADE TO ORDER.

COMPLETE ASSORTMENT OF

Churns, Butter Workers, Butter Carriers,
Creameries, Milk Coolers, Transportation Cans,
Milk Testers, Dairy Scales, Dog Powers,
Butter Tabs and Boxes, Butter Moulds,
Milk Pails and Cans, Cream Bottles,
Wire Carriers, Butter Paper and Color,
Creamery Cans, Tub Fasteners,
Test Tubes, Lactometers, Thermometers
and the "thousand and one" articles indispensable to a modern dairy.

SOLE AGENTS IN THE STATE FOR

"Worcester Salt,"

unrivalled by any brand as a perfect dairy salt in every particular.

WE SOLICIT YOUR PATRONAGE.

Catalogues mailed you and prices cheerfully quoted on application.

You Can't Find...

at any other store such
Vests as WE MAKE and
sell at \$1.50 and \$2.00 —
sizes from 36 to 50-inch
breast. We have the pants
to match, at \$2.00, \$2.50
and \$3.00.

Our **READY-TO-WEAR**
Suits, Overcoats and Ul-
sters are desirable and our
prices are right.

Strictly all-wool, up-to-date
MAD-TO-ORDER gar-
ments furnished at New
York prices. It will pay
you to visit our store and
examine our stock. Write
for samples and prices.

The Huntington
Clothing Co.,
Makers and Retailers of Good
Clothes for Men and Boys.
221 Water St., Augusta, Me.
Business Established in 1865.

BEFORE BUYING YOUR
Christmas Presents

CALL AT THE
Christman Clothing Store,
Under Hotel North,
AUGUSTA, - MAINE.

FOR X-MAS

You Can Find at

CHAS. K. PARTRIDGE'S

Well-Known Drug Store, opp.
Post-Office, Augusta.

TOILET, FANCY AND USEFUL AR-
TICLES just right for remem-
brances of the occasion, at lowest prices.
SACHET POWDERS, FRIGIDIFRAYS,
POCKETBOOKS, STERLING SIL-
VER NOVELTIES, GOLD FRAME
SPECTACLES, EYE GLASSES, ETC.

CHRISTMAS SPECIALTIES: HOLLY AND
FRESH CUT FLOWERS.

Morris Chair

\$5.95 buys this sub-
stantial Morris Chair. In-
cludes direct from the makers,
freight prepaid, sent "on
approval," to be returned at
our expense if not positive-
ly the best Morris Chair ever
sold at so low a price. A
very acceptable gift. Frame
of solid white oak, with
brass rods and strong casters
and is finished light oak, dark oak or foliage green.
This chair, comfortable seat and broad arms,
is back adjustable to a position. It has reversible
cushions covered with beautiful figured velvet or
other rich material, or myrtle green shades (samples
sent). We make this chair and absolutely guar-
antee it in every way.

"THE HOUSEHOLD OUTFITTERS"
Oren Hooper's Sons, Portland, Maine.

General News.

A terrible mine disaster took place
last week at Carbonado, Wash. The
number killed is placed at 27.

The bodies of two men were found in
one of the sewage basins at the Boston
sanitary works on Monday Island last
Sunday morning. One was that of an
employee of the station, and the other
was supposed to be a tramp.

Gen. Otis cables that "organized rebel-
lion no longer exists" in the Philippines.
Notes of other National Banks. The
Federal Reserve Bank of New York
scattered and intimidated, and southern
Luzon will not offer any serious resis-
tance. All important centers of popu-
lation in the north have been occupied by
our troops.

The Canadian steamer Niagara found-
ered last week on Lake Erie with 10
persons on board. Pugs sent out to
search for her have picked up quantities
of wreckage, which leave no doubt as to
her fate. A gale was blowing 45 miles
an hour, and a heavy snow storm pre-
vailed, on the night that she went down.

The latest from South Africa seems to
indicate that the British forces are suffer-
ing decided reverses. The absence of
news is causing much anxiety in England,
and is affecting the money market to a
considerable extent. It is evident that
the war will prove a more serious mat-
ter than was at first supposed.

The election certificate of William S.
Taylor was signed by the election com-
missioners Saturday and he was declared
to be governor elect of Kentucky. The
official figures of the vote filed with the
secretary of state, Mr. Finley, are:
Taylor, 193,714; Goebel, 191,331. Tay-
lor's plurality, 2,383. The certificates
as given as signed were filed with the
secretary of state and a commission
will be issued to Taylor at once by Gov.
Bradley.

By remaining at her room in defiance
of 100 strikers, one little girl prevented a
strike at the Altoona, Pa. milk mill. One
hundred weavers employed at the mill
stopped work because their demand for
increased wages was refused. A general
strike of the 800 operatives had been
announced, but when an effort by John
Burns, a boy, to throw the belts off the
loom at which the one girl continued at
work, was frustrated by the foreman, 700
employees returned to the work. The one
hundred operatives who first struck are
still out.

A report is going the rounds of the
papers that a message has been received
from the lost Portland. The story is as
follows: Nov. 9 last, George Tuttle, a
farm hand employed on the Mahoney
farm in Greenland, N. H., while fishing
in Great Bay, found floating in the water
a bottle in the inside of which was a
crumpled piece of paper, with the
following message written upon it:
"On board the Portland. The boat is
going down and all will be lost. Good-
by and may God rest our souls. William
Maverick, New York City." As the
paper had all the appearance of being
genuine, Miss Elizabeth Mahoney wrote
a letter telling of the find, and addressed
it to William Maverick, New York City,
and a few days ago she received a letter
from the firm of Maverick & Messenger,
photographers, New York City, stating
that Maverick was a son of their late
partner.

For the land's sake—use Bowker's
fertilizer.

How Are Your Kidneys?
Dr. Hobbs' Squamous Pills cure all kidney ills. Sam-
ple free. Add. Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or N. Y.

BUY YOUR
Christmas
Candies,
Fruits, Nuts, and your
Christmas Dinner at

HEADQUARTERS
James E. Fuller's,
Wholesale and Retail Grocer,
Water Street, Augusta, Maine.

Christmas Day

Is the day of all the year when har-
mony should exist, when every thing
should be right, nothing to mar;
when in the eyes of our sweethearts
and wives we should look our best.
If there is a handsome man in your
dresser drawer put it on. If there
isn't COME TO US and get one.

Examine Your Collar
and cuffs. Be sure they are the
proper thing. If not come to us and
get the new styles. Come to-day and
get a new 50 cent tie, then go and en-
joy a good dinner.

Sign of the BIG RED HAT.
Arthur S. Pinkham.

ALWAYS DOING SOMETHING GOOD

Not content with monopolizing the in-
tellect of New England with its editorial
page, the great variety and reliability of
its news and the unusual excellence of its
illustrations, *The Boston Sunday Herald*
has just introduced a section which
must appeal to the younger portion of
the household. It is devoted to a col-
lection of original pictures by *The Her-
ald's* own staff artists. These pictures are
not unimportant, but are intended to
interest children, cause a smile among
the middle-aged and prove a mine of
suggestive good humor to those who
have seen funny pictures all their lives.
Even those who enjoy the golden fancies
of that age when we know it all will find
a smile. You don't have to read or use
a magnifying glass to find the point, for
the pictures tell the stories. Place your
orders for the *Sunday Herald* early, and
thus make certain of securing it. Oh,
yes; let us remind you that *The Boston*
Herald's ladies continue to lead the
country. To dress well you must be a
reader of *The Boston Herald*.

HONEST, FEARLESS, BOLD.

Mr. Editor: I do not see how the farm-
ers can help appreciating the *Maine*
Farmer. It is honest, bold, and fearless,
and all questions pertaining to the in-
terest of the farmer, and welfare of the
state, are handled in a manly fashion. I
admire open, fearless work, in any branch
of business. Yours truly,
T. BROOKS REED.

Corpulent men who are troubled in find
good, ready-to-wear garments of their size
and shape, will be pleased to know that
The Huntington Clothing Company make
and carry in stock, the year round, sev-
eral lines of vests, sizes from 30 to 50
inch breast. Three leading styles, of which
they have trousers to match, are the
Washington, Huntington and Lex-
ington brands, and retail at \$1.50 and
\$2.00 each. See their advertisement in
another column.

Paderewski, the greatest living pianist,
will give his only recital in the State
of Maine at City Hall, Portland, Jan.
3, 1900. The sale of seats will open
Dec. 16. Full particulars at Ira C.
Stockbridge's piano room, 507 Congress
street, room 7 and 8.

Liver complaints cured by *BRECHAM'S*
PILLS.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, AT AUGUSTA,
in the State of Maine,
AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, DECEMBER 2nd, 1899.

RESOURCES.		
Loans and Discounts	\$555,302.78	
Overdrafts	250.00	
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	100,000.00	
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits	100,000.00	
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits	100,000.00	
Stocks, securities, etc.	6,000.00	
Due from National Banks and Agents	2,150.19	
Due from approved reserve agents	28,183.48	
Checks and other cash items	851.59	
Notes of other National Banks	2,190.00	
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	98.38	
Specie	24,081.00	
Legal tender notes	800.00	
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasury	5,525.00	
Total	\$1,052,457.11	
LIABILITIES.		
Capital stock paid in	\$250,000.00	
Surplus fund	60,000.00	
Undivided profits	31,384.57	
National Bank notes outstanding	111,500.00	
Due to other National Banks	5,711.53	
Individual deposits subject to check	439,100.81	
Certified checks	305.20	
Cashier's checks outstanding	1,345.00	
United States deposits	100,000.00	
Bills payable	60,000.00	
Total	\$1,052,457.11	

I, C. S. Hichborn, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above
statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of December.

Correct—Attest:

W. G. BOOTHBY, Notary Public.
OSCAR C. MOORE, J. W. NORTH, Directors.
JAMES W. NORTH, J. W. NORTH, Directors.
LENDALL TITCOMB, J. W. NORTH, Directors.

Reliable Business Firms

THOMAS J. LYNCH,
COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW. Probate business a
specialty, and Real Estate Agency. Augusta,
Maine.

HILL & LOCKE,
Dealers in Choice Family Groceries, Meats
and Provisions, Fruits, Confectionery, Etc.
Agents for Nonpareil and Rob Roy Flour,
Augusta, Maine.

JAMES E. FULLER,
271 & 273 Water St., Augusta. CASH PAID
FOR TURNIPS.

WILLIAMSON & BURLEIGH,
COUNSELLORS-AT-LAW. Collections made
everywhere. Offices over Granite Bank,
Augusta, Maine.

WONDER AIR-TIGHT STOVE.
GUARANTEED to run 48 hours. TABER,
CAREY & REID, Plumbers, Steam Fitters
and Hardware. PAINTS AND OILS.

RUSSELL & WESTON.
WE SHOW the largest and choicest line of
Ladies' and Men's CLOAKS, FURS, CAPES
and FUR TRIMMINGS to be found in the city.

You can make a "GOOD IMPRESSION"
on anything you wish to mark, by using
our "AIR CUSHION RUBBER STAMPS."
Stencils, Pads, Seals, Check
Punches, Etc., Etc. at lowest prices. Send
for circulars. **FLETCHER & CO.,** Augusta,
Maine.

E. E. DAVIS & CO.
are selling heavy dressed Underwear for 25c;
solid wool Trousers for \$1.50; good winter
Suits \$5.00. Large stock Overcoats, Gaiters
and Fur Coats. Under City House, Augusta,
Maine.

E. E. MARSON.
Carriage Manufacturer, 31 State St., Augusta,
Me., north of the Catholic church, carries the
largest line of carriages that can be found in
Kennebec county. A good price allowed for
old ones in exchange. Also goods sold on in-
stallments.

COUPON.

Bring this coupon to
our store and after
trading One Dollar's
worth we will give you
a Beautiful Souvenir
worth thirty five cents.

Stevens & Ballard,
THE SHOE DEALERS,
Augusta, - Maine.

Classified Ads.

N. B. Hereafter, Sale, Want and Ex-
change advertisements will be in-
serted under this general head at
a special rate, and will be given a
position. No displayed advertisement, other
than an initial letter and the usual stock
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home Department.

VERY OTHER

Will be interested
in the announce-
ment made upon
the fourth page re-
garding the Maine
Farmer.

THE HOMESTEAD.

At the top of the hill it stands,
The homestead nest and white,
And in the pleasant springtime
It makes a pretty sight.

The apple trees encircle it;
Are there in fullest bloom;
And all the air about it
Is filled with sweet perfume.

Each happy little bird has come
And built his tiny nest,
And chosen for his belovèd
The one that he loves best.

The bees and gorgeous butterflies
Are flitting here and there,
And sipping from each blossom
The honey rich and rare.

Above and about the blossoms
A clump of beech trees towers,
Where many happy children
Have spent life's happiest hours.

And close beside the beech trees
A cove with vines o'ercrown,
Where busy little spiders
Build their houses in the sun.

Green hoads and tended
Behind the homestead stands
The beauteous corn and parsnips
The sweetest in the land.

Within the house is happiness,
Each one is filled with love,
And joyful in the blessings
Heaped on them from above.

How I'm going to ask a question,
I'm sure it's only fair,
When one may blame me
Because I'm happy there?

—G. F. M.

A SUMMER TRIP IN MAINE.

Before the members of Beacon Light Association, by Mrs. F. H. Downs, Thornton.

cordially welcome you to "Sunny
trip, and I could ask no greater
gift, next to the meeting of my own
dearest ones, than to have the priv-
ilege of welcoming you, the members of
club, on this the anniversary
birth and also of my marriage
anniversary. I am not only an enjoy-
ment but a profitable one as well.

I have been asked to give a description
summer's outing on the coast.

My trip has been one of great bene-
fit, both physically and mentally.
I have met pleasant acquaintances, re-
newed friendships, and have returned
home more firmly convinced that
the world is growing better" and "lift-
ing the living."

My trip from Thordike to Milbridge
was one as I had no strength
left. I left the train at Cherry-
field, five miles to Milbridge.
I am situated on the Naraguagus
a large village, full of business
place of luxurious homes.
The furniture factories give employment
to 5000 persons. The Sawyer ship-
yard in this village gives employment to
the force of workmen, two large
factories having been built at this yard
at summer for the Southern trade
by "John Maxwell" I saw launch-
ing. It is to be launched early in
the year.

My Eden has its serpent," and Mill-
bury has its fog; such dense, dripping
fog never soot giving one the chilly
feeling of our inland fog. The mill-
lakes, connected with the outer world by the
Cherryfield, also by the steamer
"Jones," running from Machias
land, making four trips per week.
I saw several short drives of interest
leisure. The prettiest place I
saw while there was at Baldwin
where is built a pretty clubhouse.
The oceanward is grand. After re-
turning at Milbridge six weeks, and
strength each week, I began to
little ambition, which was some-
times had the need of for some-
thing. I received a cordial invitation
to hunt on Mt. Desert Island for
me, so one beautiful morning I
left the "Jones," had a delightful
drive of six hours, was met at South-
arbor by my uncle and cousin and
to "The Oaks," my uncle's pretty
at Indian Point, which history
was the first landing place made
on island. On this point is built a
clubhouse called Camp Oliver,
for Bar Harbor parties, and used
for pleasure and rest. The
view from this place is magnificent. The
island seems different than on the
bay, as the mountains seem to shut
in. On my shorter drives, my
drive of length was the Norway
drive of 16 miles. Such a perfect road,
all stones, as many rubber-tire
uses are used.

Next place of interest was the
Island Fair, and although we
idea the island is a barren one,
far better display of fruit and
flowers than I have seen at Eastern
Fair at Bangor. The stock, and
the department were also fine. I
will you of my drive to the Sea
wall I could describe it to you
would like. This wall is the work
re, and a wonderful sight. My
Miss Ida Brown, drove me there
on Saturday morning after the
of the day before. The weather
perfect; no dust, and every breeze
and with ozone, so bracing and
refreshing. We took dinner at South-
arbor, then driving two miles
to the Sea Wall, before coming in
it, we heard the howling, as if
hundreds of wild beasts, and
thing we found the noise came
from white-capped waves of the bay,
and booming to the shore. I
carriage; and as I stood on the
wall watching the huge waves on
the other viewing the earth
with the sunshine's cloth of gold,

Grange News.

Maine State Grange.
State Master, OBADIAH GARDNER, Rockland.
State Secretary, F. S. ADAMS, Bowdoin.
State Lecturer, EDWARD COOK, Vassalboro.
State Treasurer, E. H. LEBBY, Auburn, Dirigo P. O.
Executive Committee, OBADIAH GARDNER, Rockland.
E. H. LEBBY, Auburn, Dirigo P. O.
D. O. BOWEN, Morrill.
BOYDEN BEAUCHAM, East Edinburg.
Grange Gatherings.
Dec. 14—Lincoln Pomona, Ala.
Dec. 20—Somerset Pomona, Pa.
Dec. 14—York Pomona, North Alfred.
Dec. 19—Maine State Grange, Augusta.

Every patron in Maine will want the next issue of the *Maine Farmer*, containing as it will a full report of the State Grange to the hour of going to press. Send for sample copies.

Chesterville grange has voted to invite the state master to install the officers which will come Jan. 6th. Bro. B. R. Keyes has placed a fine sign on hall with the name and number of the grange.

Lebanon grange, the youngest in York county, held its first initiation Saturday evening, Dec. 9th. Three were given the first degree, and one application was received. This grange is situated in an ideal spot, being the centre of a fine farming district, with no villages within five or six miles. The members are earnest, and very much interested. Bro. Joseph P. Moulton, Master of Springvale grange, has visited them on three occasions and rendered much valuable assistance, which they are turning to good account. Lebanon grange will be heard from in the future.

"Another victory is ours." So say the Starling grangers of North Fayette in speaking of their entertainment of Thursday eve, Dec. 7th. The programme was as follows: Song, "The Bridge"; Starling grange male quartette; song, "O, Happy Day"; Mrs. Gertrude Barker; recitation, "Santa Claus in the Mine"; Miss Birden Bedford; song, "There Was an Old Woman"; (by request) Starling grange quartette; reading, "A Yankee in Love"; Miss Ethel Gile; character song, "Old Uncle Joe"; Bro. W. W. Farrington; recitation, "Remedies"; Sister Maude Wing; song, "Climb Up, Grange, Climb"; Miss Myrtle E. Fellows; "A Cabbage Yarn," by Brothers G. M. Fellows and W. W. Farrington; song and cake walk, "Smookey Mokes"; Mrs. C. R. Sturtevant. The success of the entertainment reflects much credit upon the committee. The net receipts of the evening were \$12 and more of these good times will be announced in the near future.

THE STATE GRANGE.

On Monday evening, Dec. 18, the Augusta Board of Trade and the two granges of Augusta will tender the Maine State Grange a reception at City Hall, at which time His Excellency, Mayor Lane, will deliver the address of welcome and State Master O. Gardner will respond. Following this will be an informal reception with refreshments. Fine music will add much to the occasion. Every master and wife or delegate who can, is invited to be present on this occasion.

Resolutions.
The members of Queen City grange, assembled in regular meeting Dec. 2d, having learned with pleasure that at a meeting held by the National Grange at Springfield, Ohio, our State Master, Obadiah Gardner, was chosen one of the National Grange officers, the following resolutions were adopted:
Resolved, That we, the members of the National Grange, do hereby congratulate our State Master, Obadiah Gardner, on his election to the office of National Master, and wish him every success in his new position.
Resolved, That we extend our hearty congratulations to the great recognition of his faithful services as a Patron of Husbandry.

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(Not the ordinary kind)

A handsome year-book filled with beautiful illustrations, and a complete calendar. It is sold on all news-stands for 5 cents, and it is worth five times that amount. It is a reliable chronology of the progress of the 19th century and a prophecy of what may be expected in the 20th.

Here are a few of the great men who have written for it:
Secretary Wilson, on Agriculture
Sen. Chauncey M. Depew, on Politics
Russell Sage, on Finance
Thomas Edison, on Electricity
Gen. Merritt, on Land Warfare
Adm. Highborn, on Naval Warfare
Al H. Smith, on Sports

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Resolutions of Respect.

Mountain grange, No. 331, Blaine, passed the following resolutions:
Resolved, That in the death of Brother Oliver Banks, we have lost a worthy brother and patron; one who took a deep interest in the welfare of the order and one who will be missed among us.
Resolved, That this grange extend its heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved wife and relatives of the deceased, and pray that the giver of all good may keep them in His special keeping.
Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the *Maine Farmer*, and a copy be sent to the bereaved widow and relatives of the deceased, also a copy be placed on the records of Mountain grange.
Lovingly submitted in faith, in hope and in charity, with fidelity,
FRANCIS GLOUGH, Committee on Resolutions.
BESSIE DORRIS, Resolutions.

Whereas, In view of the loss we have sustained by the death of Sister Helen Daggett, Resolved, That while we bow in submission to the will of the Supreme Being of the universe, we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the father and mother, relatives and friends in their deep affliction and point them to that Divine source which alone can bind up the wounds of grief and sorrow.
Resolved, That as a token of respect, our charter be appropriately draped for thirty days.
Resolved, That these resolutions be published and a copy be sent to the bereaved family of the deceased sister and that a copy be put on our records.
Very respectfully in faith, in hope, in charity, with fidelity,
MRS. M. A. MARRAS, Committee on Resolutions.
MRS. L. S. BICKMORE, Resolutions.

Whereas, Our Divine Master has again entered our midst and for some purpose has taken from us our beloved friend and brother, William Mearns.
Resolved, That through the untimely death of Brother Mearns, Evening Star grange sustained a great loss; that he was one of our truest and most respected members, one whose piety and godly life were an example to the community; that he was a true friend and a true brother to all who knew him.
Resolved, That we offer our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family, and pray that the giver of all good may keep them in His special keeping.
Resolved, That we place on our records this tribute to his memory; that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family and to the *Maine Farmer* for publication.
OLIVE LIGHT, Committee on Resolutions.
J. F. BRYANT, Resolutions.

GRANGE ELECTIONS.

Piscataquis Pomona grange, Foxcroft: Master—E. O. Stoddard.
Overseer—A. G. Sturtevant.
Lecturer—E. H. Leland.
Steward—A. A. Adams.
Ceres—Mrs. E. O. Stoddard.
Pomona—Frances E. Carey.
Flora—Bina Johnson.
Secretary—Frankie J. Hurd.
Lecturer—J. L. Thomsen.
Assistant Steward—E. A. Gorman.
Chaplain—W. B. Becker.
Secretary—A. E. Deane.
Gate Keeper—H. N. George.
Overseer—J. C. Carey.
Lecturer—J. O. Johnson.
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